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SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS STORY REAPPEARS IN TURKISH PRESS

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL DAYS, TURKISH PRESS JULY 8 CARRIES AN ARTICLE DEALING WITH THE BRAZINSKASES. THE STORY RECOUNTS THE ESCAPE OF THE BRAZINSKASES FROM THE REFUGEE CAMP AND THEIR FLIGHT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WHERE THEY TOLD OFFICIALS THEY WOULD NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING UNTIL THEY WERE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES. THE STORY CLAIMS THAT AFTER TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER THEY WERE PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN IN AN AMERICAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO INCIRLIK AIRBASE AND FROM THERE FLOWN TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS PLAN WAS THWARTED, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, BECAUSE TURKISH AUTHORITIES BECAME AWARE OF BRAZINSKASES' PRESENCE AT THE EMBASSY AND ASKED THAT THEY BE RETURNED TO TURKISH CUSTODY. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH WASHINGTON, THE STORY CONTINUES, THE AMERICANS DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE BRAZINSKASES TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND THAT AT MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO INFORM THE BRAZINSKASES THAT THEY

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WERE BEING TURNED BACK. AT THAT POINT, THE STORY STATES,

THE ELDER BRAZINSKAS TOOK THE KNIFE HE WAS USING TO EAT WITH AND BEGAN TO STAB HIMSELF IN HIS ABDOMEN AND OTHER PARTS OF HIS BODY. HIS SUICIDE ATTEMPT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION OF EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS. STORY NOTES THAT AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THAT "HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SURRENDERED TO THE SOVIET UNION," BUT DESPITE THIS, THE ELDER BRAZINSKAS CONTINUED TO RESIST BEING REMOVED FROM THE EMBASSY. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THE RETURN OF THE BRAZINSKASES WAS THEREFORE DELAYED SEVERAL HOURS AND THAT IT WAS FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE ELDER BRAZINSKAS BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT ON A STRETCHER AND WITH THE YOUNGER BRAZINSKAS UNDER GUARD. IT ALSO ALLEGES THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS PRESENT AT THE 4 A.M. TURN-OVER AND HE LOOKED "TIRED AND NERVOUS".

2. THE PRESS ACCOUNT IS BASED ON AN ANKA NEWS AGENCY REPORT AND IT IS CARRIED IN FULL IN FRONT PAGE STORIES IN CUMHURIYET AND POLITIKA AND IN ABBREVIATED VERSIONS ON THE INNER PAGES OF MILLIYET AND GUNAYDIN.

4. COMMENT: THE ANKA DISPATCH WAS GIVEN PROMINENT BUT NOT SENSATIONAL COVERAGE IN JULY 8 PRESS. IT IS POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S EDITIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE DISTURBED BY THIS APPARENT LEAK OF MISINFORMATION FROM WITHIN THE GOT WHICH COULD, IF GIVEN SENSATIONAL TREATMENT, MAKE FINAL SOLUTION OF THE BRAZINSKAS CASE MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOT.
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